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Minutes of the Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held With the New Ireland Church, Newton County, Miss., Sept. 15-16-17, 1906

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From J. E. Graham
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State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Churches Composing the Mt. Pisgah Association: Through a well ordered chain of Divine Providence, we are again in session. We are now holding the Sixty ninth annual session of our beloved association with the New Ireland church. Everything has been done that could be done by the church and community to make the messengers comfortable; and, though we met under embarrassing circumstances, the session has been one of harmony and peace. The weather has been fine and the preaching sound and able, the regular appointees filling their places. The churches were all represented. A cheerful spirit of harmony has prevailed. The collections have been fully up to the average. As a rule the churches were reported in good order, and more than double the usual number of baptisms have been reported. To sum up: Though our beloved association has lost several of her ablest leaders, she has lost none of her old determination to continue the good work of spreading the gospel; all of which should be a matter of rejoicing. Our churches are getting more and more imbued with the spirit of missions. Dear Brethren and Sisters, let us strive more and more to increase in goods, and in faith and love. Let us "Contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints." Let us not be "Carried about by every wind of doctrine," but let us be "Steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

G P CLARKE, Chairman.

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Of the Sixty-ninth Annual Session of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.

NEW IRELAND BAPTIST CHURCH,
Newton County, Miss.,
September 15, 1906.

At the appointed hour Eld. F. M. Breland, the regular appointee, preached the introductory sermon from 53 chapter of Isaiah, and John 3:16. Theme, the Plan of Salvation. The sermon was able, sound and instructive, and was listened to by a large and orderly congregation.

After the sermon one hour was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were furnished in great abundance, and of excellent quality, by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After singing the hymn: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," prayer was offered by Eld L B. Fancher. Owing to the death of Eld. J. W. Arnold, the moderator's chair was vacant. The Association was called to order by G. P. Clarke, clerk of the association, and on motion Eld. W. L. Collins was requested to act as moderator pro tem until an organization could be effected. Brother Collins consented to act, and the Association was convened in her Sixty-ninth annual session.

The following committees were appointed:

To Read Letters—W. J. McMullan, R K. Cleveland and L. B. Fancher.

Finance—R. L. White, T. L. Gaines, W. N. Covington.

On Preaching—Deacons of New Ireland Church with

J. K. Jordan and S. A. Gordon.

The roll of churches was then called, and messengers' names enrolled, as letters were read.

All the churches were represented, either by letter or messengers, and, as a rule were reported in peace.

Elder W. B. Hammond was appointed to preach at the stand.

The time arrived for the body to elect officers for the ensuing term.

On motion, agreed to elect by ballot.

Elder R K. Cleveland was elected moderator. On motion, agreed to elect other officers by acclamation.

G. P Clarke was re-elected clerk, and J. E Graham re elected treasurer. The officers elect accepted with thanks.

Petitionary letters were called for. No response.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats. Elder L. E. Lightsey, from Bay Springs Association, was seated.

Corresponding messengers from sister associations were next called for, and Elder W B. Sansing, from Bay Springs, and T. A. Florence, from Oktibbeha Associations, responded, the moderator giving the right hand in behalf of the body.

The committee on preaching reported that Elder J. H. Satterfield conduct prayer meeting at 10 o'clock Sunday morning; Elder W. H. Rainer, according to appointment, to preach the annual sermon on Missions at 11 o'clock, and Elder L. E. Lightsey to preach at 3 o'clock P. M.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator.

State of Religion—G. P. Clarke, E. W. Breland, L. S. James, E. Parks and E Russell.

Missions—W. H. Rainer, F. M. Breland, W. J. Bruner and A. H. Armstrong.

Temperance—W. B. Sansing, J. K. Jordan, T, A.

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Florence and W. J. Blass.

Queries and Requests—J. E Graham, T. L. Gaines, J. L. Harrison and E. M Atkinson.

Publications—W. J. McMullan, J. H. Satterfield, F. S. Smith, T Blass and A. H Parks.

Nominations—D. M Stroud, W. H. Harrison, J. D. Amis, J. M Prestridge and J. F. Sansing.

Education—N. A. Edmonds, T. A. Sims, J. A. Grafton, L. E Lightsey and H. C. Taylor.

Sunday Schools—T. A Sims, J C Rushing, L. S. James, C. O Reynolds and Willie Moore.

Orphanage—W. J. Bruner, T E Johnston, M. R. Jones, I. M Bryant and J T Gordy.

Special Committee on Obituaries—W B. Sansing, E. W. Breland, J E. Graham, H. C. Taylor, S A. Gordon.

On motion, the moderator was added.

On motion, the appointment for prayer meeting service at 10 A. M Sunday was called in, and resolved instead, that a suitable memorial service for the dead be held at that hour, Elder H. C. Taylor to open the exercises.

On motion it was ordered that a collection for missions be taken up after the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, and also a collection for the Orphanage, following the afternoon service.

The business of the day being completed, on motion adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At the appointed hour, Elder H. C. Taylor opened the memorial exercises in an eloquent and appropriate address. Beautiful and feeling addresses were made by Brethren Sansing, Nestor, Bruner and Cleveland.

Elder W. H. Rainer preached a sound and practical sermon on missions from Rom. 1 : 16; Theme The Power of the Gospel. The discourse was eloquent, pointed and practical and was well received by the im-

mense congregation. After the service an excellent and abundant dinner was spread and partaken of in a quiet and orderly manner by the large concourse of people present.

In the afternoon Elder L. E. Lightsey preached a short but excellent sermon from Heb 11 : 7. Taken altogether, it is hoped that great good will be the result of this day's services. $50.06 for missions and $29.00 for Orphanage was contributed.

MONDAY MORNING.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment. After singing a song, the moderator read the 40th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Elder W M. Yarbrough.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

By order of the moderator, the clerk read the rules of Decorum.

Renewed call for churches not represented on Saturday. Messengers from Pleasant Ridge church presented letter and were seated.

Renewed call for correspondence from sister associations; no response.

Corresponding messengers to sister associations were appointed as follows:

Pearl Valley—D. F. Lewis

Oktibbeha—W. H. Rainer, J L. Harrison, A. F. Lindlay.

Hopewell—E. W. Breland, J. C. Rushing.

Bay Springs—J. H. Satterfield, R K. Cleveland

On motion, resolved that any member of this body in good standing visiting other associations be authorized to act as corresponding messenger from this body.

On motion, correspondents were authorized to write their own letters and sign officers names thereto

Messengers were appointed to the General Association as follows: J. H. Satterfield, E. W. Breland, W.

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H. Rainer, W. M. Yarbrough, A. L. Lindlay, E. M. Wilson, D M. Stroud, R. K. Cleveland, J A. May, W. J. Blass, J. E. Graham. J. C. Barber. J. J. Easterling, J. M. Prestridge, F. M. Breland, W. L. Russell. A H. Armstrong. W. J. Bruner W. J McMullan, T. J. Reynolds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

State of Religion—Read by G. P. Clarke, adopted, after some remarks by R. K Cleveland and W. H. Rainer. (See first page)

Missions—Read by W. H. Rainer, discussed by a number of brethren and adopted. (Appendix A)

Temperance—Read by W. B. Sansing, and after an animated discussion by various brethren, adopted (Appendix B.)

Publications—Read by W. J. McMullan, discussed by several brethren and adopted (Appendix C)

Elder J. H. Satterfield was excused from further attendance.

On motion, adjourned one hour for refreshments, which, as before, were in great abundance.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The association met at the appointed hour and the reading of reports was continued.

Nominations—Read by D. M. Stroud and adopted without discussion. (Appendix D.)

Orphanage—Read by W. J. Bruner, discussed by several brethren and adopted. (Appendix E.)

Obituaries—Read by W. B. Sansing, and after some discussion, adopted. (Appendix F.)

Finance—Read by R. L. White and adopted. (Appendix G.)

Education—Read by N. A. Edmonds, discussed at some length, and adopted. (Appendix H.)

Sunday Schools—Read by T. A. Sims and adopted. (Appendix I.)

Queries and Requests—Read by J. E Graham. (Appendix J)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, 1st, That we, the Mt. Pisgah Association, take the initiatory step in raising a fund to erect a monument of marble to the memory of our venerable brother. N L. Clarke, as a faint token of our appreciation of him and his labors; and that J E. Graham, Decatur, Miss., be designated to receive such fund.

Resolved 2nd, That we, the Mt. Pisgah Association, are opposed to the General Association using the general mission fund for the purpose of building church houses, and that the General Association be requested to designate a special fund for that purpose, and all the churches be requested to contribute to that fund.

Resolved 3rd. That the Abstract of Faith, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers and Rules of Decorum of this Association be published in the minutes, and this resolution to be permanent for the future

Resolved 4th, That the pastors and messengers to this association be requested to bring the subject of missions before their respective churches, and urge them to represent themselves by delegation and funds in the General Association

Resolved 5th, That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same when so done and approved by him; and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary of $20, printers' fee and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

Resolved 6th, That all money on hand for the Or-

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phanage be sent by the treasurer to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss, and all funds on hand after expenses are met, be sent to the General Association.

Resolved 7th, That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the New Ireland Church and community at large for their kind and generous entertainment of the association during this session.

Resolved 8th, That we now adjourn to meet with the Chunkey Church, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1907.

The closing prayer was offered by Eld N. A. Edmonds, after which one of the old songs of Zion was sung, the parting hand was given, and the benediction by the moderator closed this harmonious session of the grand old body.

R. K. CLEVELAND, Moderator,
G. P. CLARKE, Clerk.

Appendices.

MISSIONS—A.

We, your committee on Missions, would report the following:

What does the word Missions mean? God saw the world lying in darkness and sin. His great compassionate heart went out to the lost world. The word missions means a message. Mercy had a message for a lost world—the sweetest message the world ever heard, or ever will hear, is the message of God's love to men.

But the message must be brought by a messenger. God sent His message by His Son, and His Son sent it by His children. "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." The word missions means money.

The command to go into all the world is to each individual Christian. Brethren, have we increased in liberality as we have in wealth? We recommend that the subject of missions be brought before our churches more forcibly, and that we carry out the command of our blessed Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RAINER, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE—B.

The committee made the following report:

The question of temperance is one of the livest issues of the day. The whiskey traffic is so hazardous to public safety, so detrimental to the peace and welfare of the home where it enters, and so demoralizing to society, that it is now arrayed against it all right thinking people. The forces of righteousness are today more solidly united against the whiskey traffic than ever before, and they are gaining power and victory every day. Yes, we can with pride point to the success we have achieved in our war against one of the greatest evils the world has ever known—whiskey. In our own beloved State, by local option, we have driven the saloon out of an overwhelming majority of the counties. And county after county is going dry in other states, especially in the states of Texas, Kentucky and Tennessee. And the National Anti Saloon League is creating a prohibition wave that is destined to sweep over the American continent. The saloon "born to die." It must go. Whiskey is not tolerated in the navy, the army, in no department of our national government, nor by any public or private corporations of any consequence. The young man of to day who is addicted to strong drink has closed against him almost every avenue that leads to fame and fortune, and he is destined to become a social outcast. With these gone life is not

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worth living. But in our immediate country we have another great evil to fight in what is commonly known as the "blind tiger". We will only say in passing, that those who force the saloon out are responsible for the blind tiger coming in. If we can force the saloon to go, when the law is in favor of the saloon, we can certainly, with the law in our favor against the blind tiger, force it to. But, alas, the blind tiger has the secret, and sometimes almost open sympathy of enough professed christians to make it live and prosper. But your committee would insist that we no longer agitate "temperance" in reference to alcoholic beverages. God never intended anything short of total abstinence in such beverages. Such beverages lead to drunkenness and disease of mind and body, and temperance in such indulgence is bound to leave its evil effects. One had as well expect to escape harm by being temperate in sin, as to escape being hurt by being temperate in strong drink, though it be nothing more than the social drink or moderate dram. But God says: Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the least it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." It is dreadful in its effect that we are commanded not even to look at the stuff. And we should shun the places where it is sold as we would shun the pest house. So let us insist that no man can afford to be even temperate in strong drink, but that the only safe way is total abstinence. When we do this, and when every professed follower of the blessed Saviour takes a decided stand against alcoholic beverages, then will the whiskey traffic pass away as the dew drop, before the rising sun.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. SANSING, Chairman.

PUBLICATIONS—C.

Your Committee on Publications report as follows.

We suppose no one expects anything new from the committee on publications, for all Baptists recognize the fact that the Bible is, and should be, the first of all reading matter "for all people," and that we should take it as our rule and practice; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of Me." And next, we recommend our paper, The Mississippi Baptist. We recommend it because of its real worth to our people, and to the advancement of the Master's cause. And then we may read such other papers as we like, but always taking into consideration their make up. We would urge that we withhold our patronage from all newspapers carrying whiskey advertisements We recommend for Sunday Schools the Southern Baptist Convention series.

Submitted,

W. J. McMULLAN, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS—D.

We, your committee on Nominations, submit the following:

Elder W. B Hammond to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Elder H. C. Taylor his alternate. Elder R. K. Cleveland to preach the next annual sermon on Missions; and Elder E. W. Breland his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

D M, STROUD, Chairman

ORPHANAGE—E.

Your Committee on Orphanage submit the following:

This is a home of mercy for orphan children. This is our home, and the orphans are our children to support and educate. The new brick buildings are all completed. We, your committee, would urge upon every church

and Sunday School to contribute, at least, twice a year to their needs. There are more than 100 children in this home. We may better acquaint ourselves with the home by taking the little GEM. This little paper costs only 10 cents a year. Our worthy Brotner and Sister Carter need our aid and our prayers in caring for this home of orphan children.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BRUNER, Chairman.

OBITUARIES—F.

Again we are called upon to pay tribute to our dead. Though the number of our brethren and sisters who have departed this life since we last met is not unusually large, yet our death list is very significant. It is true that all God's children are precious in His sight, yet by reason of their endowments from God, and because of their positions and labors, our loss is greater in the death of some men than in others. As we look upon the names of our dead, the name of our beloved and venerable brother, Rev. Nathan Lytle Clarke, stands at the head of the list with us all. He was born in North Carolina, February 7th, 1812, and went home to be with God, September 11, 1906. He joined the Baptist church in the year 1838, and entered upon the public ministry of the gospel in 1838. He came to East Mississippi in 1840, where he remained and labored till his death. His labors were confined to the General Association, and his specific work was done in the beloved Mt. Pisgah Association, where he was moderator for 45 years in succession.

Brother Clarke's career was long and illustrious. Endowed with more than ordinary physical and mental powers; possessed with a will power that brushed away obstacles that were insurmountable by ordinary men;

stimulated by undaunted courage; cultured in mind refined in manner, and unassuming in disposition and deportment, moved by a faith that believed God and doubted not His promises; filled with great love to God and mankind—these are some of the characteristics that made his life so noted and praiseworthy.

In his zeal for righteousness and loyalty to God, he has built for himself a monument that is more precious than gold, and more lasting than marble. His life has been a benediction to thousands, and the generations to come will rise up and call him blessed. He is not dead; he has only changed his place of abode and he will continue to live in our hearts and minds. While we deeply mourn his death, we praise God for his life.

Next in our love and appreciation was Rev. John W Arnold, who was born January 28, 1858, and departed this life June 20, 1906. He joined the Baptist church early in life, and ever afterwards honored his church and his Maker. His was a model life. Some years after his conversion he entered the gospel ministry, and in that work built for himself a worthy name. His labors, too, were spent in the Mt. Pisgah Association, and he had the happy privilege and honor of succeeding Rev. N. L. Clarke as moderator of that body; but in the providence of God, he was not allowed to preside over but one meeting — he was called to his reward before the association met again.

Brother Arnold did not live a long life, and we cannot understand why God took him so soon. but it was best, we know. But he lived long enough to endear himself to us, and to make his life felt. It seemed that he was just blooming into much usefulness, and great power, when God called him home. But God could get more honor and greater service out of his death than out of his life, and we can only wait for God to reveal his purposes to us. We loved Brother Arnold. It pain

ed us to give him up. But while our hearts are sad, and tears of sorrow flow from our eyes, we can praise God for the blessings that have come to us through Brother Arnold, and rejoice in contemplation of the fact that some day we shall meet him and all the re deemed ones beyond this vale of sorrow where there will be no more partings, but where we together will spend the eternal ages around the great white throne of God in the presence of Jesus and the holy angels.

Nor would we fail to mention the names of Brethren Ervin Graham, W. T. Walters, C. R Pace, John Ezell, Jacob Edwards, Eugene Shealey, Floyd Bruner and Jeff Gordon, and Sisters Mary Killen, Ephrie Little, — Williams, Ellen Crenshaw, Sarah Nestor, Elizabeth Pace anp Telethy Welch, whom we loved and esteemed. But it was God's will to call them hence We mourn their departure, but we will continue to fondly cherish their lives and labors. Sleep on, dear ones, for death is only a sleep. Soon we hope to meet you where our associations will never cease and sorrows will never come.

Respectfully submitted,

W B. SANSING, Chairman.

FINANCE—G.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

We have examined the Treasurer's books and find the following:

Associational Fund, recd. last year	$ 87.25
Mission Fund	40.80
Orphanage	19.65
Total	$ 147.70
Disbursed	147 70
Received from churches this session	$ 118 43
Missions	50 06
Orphanage	29.00

From Pleasant Ridge church..... 1.50

$198 99

Respectfully submitted,

R L WHITE,
T. L. GAINES,
W. N. COVINGTON,
Committee.

EDUCATION H

To educate a person is to develop the being

God gives us great possibilities in birth, and then He expects us to develop into strong men and women To be strong we must have strong bodies and minds, and this strength comes to both bodies and mind by proper food and exercise The primary object of education is to give food and exercise to the mind. God commands us to glorify Him with our bodies and our minds To do this properly we must have them strong. To have them strong we must care for them "Self love my Lord, is not half so vile a sin as self neglect"—Shakespear. The foundation of education should be laid in childhood. Parents have in their children valuable diamonds, but they are unpolished. The Lord has left the polishing to the parents. Every diamond should be so polished as to give credit to the parents, and glory to God. To do this every parent must give careful attention to his children in early life. Every one should spend all the time and money necessary to have a good school accessible to his children. No teacher should be employed who is not a christian, for the teacher makes a lasting impression upon the children; hence no parent should place his children under the tutorship of an ungodly teacher. Your committee believes in ministerial education. Many of our young preachers get restless when they view the dying world

and leave off their preparations for work too soon. They can never be as efficient workman as they cou d otherwise. Paul tells Timothy "to study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" God's plan is that his workmen whom he has called out should spend much time in pre paration For example, Moses spent eighty years of his one hundred and twenty in prepa ation (Comp. Ex. 2:4, 16:35; Deut 34:7.) John the Baptist was about thirty years old when he began his great work. So al so was Christ (Luke, 3:23) This time was of course spent in preparation for work The Apostle Paul, who wrote about half the New Testament, was highly edu cated (Acts 26:24) Time will not permit to speak of oth ers. Education does not make a preacher, but it strengthens those whom God has called to the work. Your committee recommends that all young men, es pecially those of promise, and all young preachers, be encouraged to attend Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., also that young ladies be encouraged to attend either Blue Mountain College. at Blue Mountain, Miss., or Hillman College, at Clinton, Miss We notice that our churches have greatly increased in their aid to min isterial students. We recommend and encourage the grand work.

Respectfully submitted,
N. A. EDMONDS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—I.

We, your committee, recommend the following report: We consider the Sunday School work a very import- ant part of the work of Christianity, a work that ought not to be neglected to the extent that it is in our gospel land. Why should we have a Sunday School? Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:

6.) Now, let us first notice the word 'train." What does it mean? It means, in this case, to instruct, guide and bring them up in the ways of usefulness to their God and their fellow man; and that they may be Christian boys and girls. The Sunday School is surely the best place we have to teach them these noble, Christian principles; where we can meet together, both young and old Christians and non Christians, and there sing songs of praise to God's holy name. There we can have the little catechisms and verses and lesson cards so harmoniously arrayed that we can impart the blessed word of God upon the tender minds of our dear boys and girls that will make them useful men and women; and, perhaps, be the means of bringing many a precious soul into the fold of God. Dear parents, let us appeal to you in the name of God to encourage your indifferent children — if you have such — to enlist in this great work, in order that they may become noble men women; that they may work for eternity and the upbuilding of our grand and noble country. Again, Solomon says, "Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." (Prov. 22:29) Dear parents, where do you want your children to stand in life? Surely you want, and especially your dear sons, to make noble, upright, Christian men, that they may stand among the nobler men of our country, and battle for the elevation of mankind, and for the glory of God, rather than to stand among the lower. degraded class of men that Solomon spoke of. Dear Brethren, we think that there is a great mistake made by many parents; the most of them think the Sunday School is mostly for the children. Parents, how can you stand in the face of your children and say, I want you to attend Sunday School, and never go yourself? Now, fathers and mothers, let us appeal to you

in conclusion, think more about the Sunday School than you ever have in the past. Go to same when you possibly can — carry your children and get them deeply interested in this grand and noble work. Thereby you will keep your boys from roaming over the country and lying around the depot, engaging in the vain and perishing things of the world, that are sure to send their precious souls to woe and misery. We recommend the Baptist literature for our Sunday Schools.

Submitted,

T. A. SIMS, Chairman.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—J.

We, your Committe on Queries and Requests submit the following:

We find several churches requesting next meeting of the association; Beulah, Hebron, Chunkey, Ebenezer, New Hope, Dixon, and Woodland.

We recommend that the next session be held with the Chunkey Church.

Submitted,

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. L. Howington, Waldo
W. H. Rainer, Chunkey
D. B. Cannon, Dixon
J. H. Satterfield, Newton
G. M. May, Newton
D. M. Stroud, Lake
E. W. Breland, Sebastopol
H. C. Taylor, Union
H. O. White, Decatur,
W. B. Hammond, Lawrence
A. E Findley, Lake
F. M. Breland, Dixon
O. L. Thompson, Newton
W. J. Bruner, Newton
W. M. Yarbrough, Lawrence
R. K. Cleveland, Decatur
W. L. Collins, Union
Joe Rushing, Malco
N. A. Edmonds, Clinton

LICENTIATES.

T. A. Sims, Decatur
A. J. Myers, Lake
W. B Kichens, ———
A. L Ingram; ———
J. G. Giles, Chunkey
Joseph White Decatur

Abstracts Of Faith-Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon confession of our faith and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preservation of a union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one triune of God, the Father the Son and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God and are the only rules of faith and practice

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude and in him all posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus — who by the satisfaction

He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized on a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to one Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and lawgiver of His church, that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4 We believe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper are properly admistered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5 We believe that immersion is the only baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's supper.

7 We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members of a visible church.

8 We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of This Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and posseses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs and therefore this Association has no rignt to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of the churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church that may hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practice

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches, to inquire into any difficulties between the churches and remove them if possible, to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom,

in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions of our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church and of every individual member of a church to support them according to their own views and dictates of conscience, and the right shall uever be called in question by this Association. Any motion whereby this right shall be called in ques tion shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as be ing unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly corres pondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing may be invited to seats in the Association but not have the privilege of voting.

6. This Association may appoint any person or per sons, by and with their consent, to transact any busi ness they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn at any time and place they may think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their pro ceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it and account to the Associ ation for all moneys which shall come into his hands for use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they think expedient.

Rules Of Decorum.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mount Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceeding associational year, with the number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct

4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties or dinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred — three until it shall exeeed one hundred add fifty, and then four and no more.

7. The Associotion shall neither answer nor debate any query or Gospel doctrine except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except with drawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided a the request of any member and the vote taken on each point separately

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question properly under debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who desire to speak ther on have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without delay.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17 There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body

19. The namesof the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by or der from the Moderator as soon as the Association con venes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to altera tion and amendment at any regular meeting of the Asso ciation by a majority of the Association.

Churches	County	Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Aid	Building & Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Church Property
Beulah	Newton								500 00
Bluff Springs	Neshoba								400 00
County Line	Neshoba	53 50	3 60	18 00	100 00	55 00	26 00	256 10	500 00
Cross Roads	Newton			42 80				42 80	500 00
Center Ridge	Newton					100 00		100 00	
Chunkey	Newton			50 00		200 00		250 00	1400 00
Decatur	Newton			70 75			23 25	94 00	1000 00
Dixon	Neshoba			21 50		75 00		96 50	
Ebenezer	Neshoba	1 20				32 00		33 20	
Good Hope	Scott	80						80	
Good Hope	Newton	5 00				100 00		105 00	
Hickory	Newton	141 35	38 70	47 50		252 50	12 20	485 25	1000 00
Hebron	Newton		7 00	12 15	110 00	61 00		160 15	
Lake	Scott	43 25	12 25	46 00	28 50	250 00		380 00	1000 00
Midway	Newton			8 00		42 00		50 00	500 00
Mt. Pleasant	Newton					100 00	12 50	112 50	
New Prospect	Newton	8 40	4 75	7 15		49 75		70 05	400 00
New Providence	Newton	7 30						7 30	
Pleasant Hill	Newton	118 25	10 00	23 85		108 40	5 00	265 50	400 00
Pinckney	Newton	30 00	10 00	52 25		27 75		120 00	500 00
Poplar Springs	Newton	9 10				100 00		106 10	500 00
Poplar	Newton	8 80		7 20		34 00		50 00	450 00
Salem	Scott	22 50						22 50	250 00
Sulphur Springs	Scott	30 00	5 00	12 45		97 00		114 45	
Stamper	Newton	10 00	4 00	36 35		75 00	1 00	126 35	600 00
Union	Newton	85 00		75 00		60 00		220 00	500 00
Woodland	Neshoba	5 05	1 00					6 05	

Mt Pleasant	Newton							7	16	23	12	1	25	3rd	1		O. L. Thompson		
New Prospect	Newton	8			8		2	35	60	90	22	2	20	2nd			J. W. Ellis		
New Hope	Neshoba	5	15		2		1	28	36	64	20	2	00	2nd			E W. Breland		
New Hope	Scott	3	1					54	53	107	25	2	50	4th			F. M. Breland		
New Providence	Newton	1	4		3			11	22	33	20	2	00	4th			W. M. Yarbrough		
New Ireland	Newton	19			1			20	19	39	8		80	2nd			W. J. Bruner		
Oakland	Newton	3			10			29	31	60	25	2	50	2nd		1	W. L. Collins		
Pleasant Hill	Newton	13	1		3			28	35	63	15	1	50	1st			R. K. Cleveland		
Pinckney	Newton	38	2		3		5	45	71	116	30	3	00	1st			J. E. Chapman		
Poplar Springs	Newton	16		2	12		3	35	47	82	30	3	00	....			.....		
Pine Bluff	Newton	3	2		9		1	39	96	135	30	3	00	2nd	2		Z. K. Gilmore		
Pine Ridge	Newton		4		9			22	36	58	20	2	00	4th	1		R. K. Cleveland		
Poplar	Newton		2		2			16	29	45	15	1	50	2nd	2		W. M. Yarbrough		
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	4	2		1	1	2	19	23	42	15	1	50	3rd			H. C. Taylor		
Rock Branch	Newton				1	4		8	27	35	15	1	50	4th			B W. Rainer		
Salem	Scott	2			6			24	42	66	20	2	00	3rd	1		L. B. Fancher		
Sulphur Springs	Scott	1	3	1	3			7	18	25	10	1	00	2nd			W. S. Ford		
Sand Springs	Newton	6	3		1			34	42	76	20	2	00	2nd	1		E W. Breland		
Sardis	Scott	6			1			25	30	55	15	1	60	4th			W M. Yarbrough		
Stamper	Newton		2		2			19	32	51	15	1	50	1st			E. W. Breland		
Union	Newton	16	27				1	11	19	30	10	1	00	....			N. A. Edmonds		
Union	Scott	2	9		1		2	46	55	101	35	3	50	1st	2		G. W. Breland		
Woodland	Neshoba	9	3		2			43	43	86	20	5	00	2nd	1		S. C. Gordon		
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Union	Neshoba	5	05	1	00												6	05	
Stamper	Newton	82	00																
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Sardis	Scott	22	50																
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Statistical Table

Churches	County	Baptized	Rec'd by let'r	Restored	Dis. by let'r	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Colored	Total	No. Minutes	Associational Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained	Licentiates	Pastors
Beulah	Newton	15	3	..	6	..	1	55	92	2	149	30	3 00	3rd			G. W. Breland
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	1	1	..	2	..		20	25		45	25	2 50	2nd	1	1	W. L. Collins
County Line	Neshoba	7	7	..	6	1	3	30	55		85	20	2 00	4th			G. W. Breland
Cross Roads	Newton	11	..	..	1	..	1	21	22		43	15	1 50	4th			W. M. Yarbrough
Center Ridge	Newton	1	..	..	5	..		17	16		33	13	1 30	3rd			R. W. Bryant
Chunkey	Newton	14	24	..	2	..	1	55	74		129	30	3 83	3rd	1		R. A. Venerable
Decatur	Newton	13	4	..	10	1		77	109	2	188	50	5 00	2nd	1		J. A. Johnston
Dixon	Neshoba	7	6	2	7	2	1	30	22		52	20	2 00	2nd	1		H. C. Taylor
Enon	Neshoba	5	3	..	12	2		26	52		78	25	2 50	3rd		1	W. L. Collins
Ebenezer	Newton	8	..	..	3	..		33	50		83	20	2 00	3rd	1		W. B. Hammond
Ebenezer	Neshoba	..	..	..	4	..		13	15		28	12	1 20	....			E. W. Breland
Ephesus	Scott	5	4	1	..	2	1	26	53		79	15	1 50	1st			G. M. May
Good Hope	Scott	4	..	..	..	..		11	18		29	10	1 00	1st		1	Ollie Thompson
Good Hope	Newton	2	2	..	..	..	1	22	24		46	15	1 50	2nd			Z. K. Gilmore
Hickory	Newton	16	10	..	5	..	1	56	86		142	25	2 50	3rd			T. J. Miley
Hebron	Newton	7	3	..	6	..		44	28		72	25	2 50	2nd			W. H. Rainer
Lake	Scott	4	10	..	8	..		19	28		47	19	1 90	2nd	1	1	H. C. Joiner
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	17	2	..	5	1	1	26	41		67	25	2 50	3rd	1		E. M. Breland
Midway	Newton	2	1	..	..	..		7	16		23	12	1 25	3rd	1		O. L. Thompson
Mt Pleasant	Newton	7			8		2	38	60		90	22	2 20	2nd			J. W. Ellis
New Prospect	Newton	8		1	2			28	36		64	20	2 00	2nd			E. W. Breland
New Hope	Neshoba	5	15		2		1	54	53		107	25	2 50	4th			F. M. Breland
New Hope	Scott	3	1					11	22		33	20	2 00	4th			W. M. Yarbrough
New Providence	Newton	1	4		3			20	19		39	8	80	2nd			W. J. Bruner
New Ireland	Newton	19			1			29	31		60	25	2 50	2nd		1	W. L. Collins
Oakland	Newton	3			10			28	35		63	15	1 50	1st			R. K. Cleveland
Pleasant Hill	Newton	13	1		3		5	45	71		116	30	3 00	1st			J. E. Chapman
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Poplar Springs	Newton	16		2	12		3	39	96		135	30	3 00	2nd	2		Z. K. Gilmore
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Pine Ridge	Newton		4		9			16	29		45	15	1 50	2nd	2		W. M. Yarbrough
Poplar	Newton		2		2			19	23		42	15	1 50	3rd			H. C. Taylor
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	4	2		1	1	2	8	27		35	15	1 50	4th			B. W. Rainer
Rock Branch	Newton				1	4		24	42		66	20	2 00	3rd	1		L. B. Fancher
Salem	Scott	2			6			7	18		25	10	1 00	2nd			W. S. Ford
Sulphur Springs	Scott	1	3	1	3			34	42		76	20	2 00	2nd	1		E. W. Breland
Sand Springs	Newton	6	3		1			25	30		55	15	1 60	4th			W. M. Yarbrough
Sardis	Scott	6			1			19	32		51	15	1 50	1st			E. W. Breland
Stamper	Newton		2		2			11	19		30	10	1 00	....			N. A. Edmonds
Union	Newton	16	27				1	46	55		101	35	3 50	1st	2		G. W. Breland
Union	Scott	2	9		1		2	43	43		86	20	5 00	2nd	1		S. C. Gordon
Woodland	Neshoba	9	3		2			12	17		29	15	1 50	....			R. L. Herrington
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Churches	County	Post Office.	Messengers.
Beulah	Newton	Decatur	J. L. Harrison, J. E Graham, E. Parks.
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union	J. P. Smith, H. C. Boler.
County Line	Neshoba	Engine	A. A. Winstead, J. F. Sansing.
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	E. Russell, Carl Thornton.
Center Ridge	Newton	Chunkey	J. S. Wells, I. A. Freeman. [J. A. May.
Chunkey	Newton	Chunkey	E. M. Wilson, W. H. Rainer., T. P. Jones.
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	J. K. Jordan. T. L. Gaines. G. P. Clarke.
Dixon	Neshoba	Dixon	H. Y. Graham R L. White.
Enon	Neshoba	Engine	D. B. Smith, W. W. Jenkins.
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	W. B Hammond, T. J. Bounds.
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	R. W. Brantley, Robt. Gilbert.
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	B. A. Myers, W A Gardner.
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	Manual Waltman, John May.
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	J. C Barber, Jack Easterling.
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	Jeff Blass, Thos. Blass.
Hebron	Newton	Decatur	M. R Jones, J S. Laird.
Lake	Scott	Lake	J. M Prestridge.
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	B. F. Lewis.
Midway	Newton	Newton	J. L Gibson, W. J. McMullan.
Mt Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	A. H. Armstrong.
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	M. Byram, W. L Pace.
New Hope	Neshoba	Neshoba	J. A Thomas, R. E. James, J. M. Chipman.
New Hope	Scott	Lake	J. T. Gordy.
New Providence	Newton	Chunkey	J. L Peevy, W. S. Lindsay.
New Ireland	Newton	Union	J. H Germany, J. M. Barfoot.
Oakland	Newton	Hickory	C. G Reynolds, T. E. Johnston.
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	W. N. Covington, L. D. Bishop,
Pinckney	Newton	Union	S. A Gordon Joe Collins.
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	W. J. Bruner, L. Russell, J. H. Satterfield.
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	G. M. May, A. H. Parks.
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	W. M. Yarbrough, D. M Stroud.
Poplar	Newton	Cooksey	I. M. Bryant, W. L. Milling,
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	Hickory	J. H. Cunningham. J. B. Gibbon.
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	R. K. Cleveland, F. S. Smith.
Salem	Scott	Forest	J. D. Rape.
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Hayes	E W. Breland, J. D. Amis.
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	By Letter.
Sardis	Scott	Sebastopol	W. R. Gilmore, Jas. Findley.
Stamper	Newton	Stratton	E. M. Atkinson, S. F. Cook.
Union	Newton		

Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	W. J. Bruner, L. Russell, J. H. Satterfield.
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Sardis	Scott	Sebastopol	By Letter.
Stamper	Newton	Stratton	W. R. Gilmore, Jas. Findley.
Union	Newton	Union	E. M. Atkinson, S. E. Gordon.
Union	Scott	Harperville	W. L Collins, H. C Taylor, L. S. James.
Woodland	Neshoba	Hope	Joe Rushing, M. C. Townsend.
			J. A. Grafton.